

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Public Access for Darshan of Akshay Vat
Gupta Shri Shyama Charan

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received representations from public representatives to allow free access to public / pilgrims inside the Ordnance Depot of the Allahabad fort for darshan of Akshay Vat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In recent past, representations have been received from public representatives Shri Shyama Charan Gupta and Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya.

(c) References received from Hon'ble MPs have been replied intimating that 'Akshay Vat Dham Mandir' located in Patalpuri temple in Fort premises is open to public. However, free access to public / pilgrims in other 'Akshay Vat Mandir' located inside the Ordnance Depot Fort premises is not allowed due to security reasons.
